

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the first paragraph in the specification, which begins on line 3 of page 1, as follows:

This application is related to application serial number 09/780,985 ~~09/\*\*\*\*,\*\*\*~~, entitled DATA COMMUNICATION PRIORITIZATION METHOD AND BUS CONTROLLER, now abandoned ~~attorney docket number 10521/5~~, filed on the same date herewith and commonly assigned with the present application.